

William C. Collins, Mayor

Council Members:

Terry Jenkins, Mayor Pro Tem
Walter Bailey
Aaron Brown
Kima Garten-Schmidt
Bob Jackson
William McIntosh



Clerk-Treasurer

Lisa L. Wallace

Town Attorney
G. Waring Parker

Town of Summerville

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 8, 2014

ATTENDANCE

Present: Mayor Bill Collins and Council members Walter Bailey, Aaron Brown, Kima Garten-Schmidt, Bob Jackson and Bill McIntosh. Terry Jenkins was absent. Also present were Lisa Wallace, Director of Administrative Services & Clerk-Treasurer, and G.W. Parker, Town Attorney. Members of the press and the public were duly notified of the meeting and were also present.

CALL TO ORDER

The regular monthly meeting of Summerville Town Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 8, 2014. The meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. Brown, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Collins called for any comments from the public. Steven Wright of 102 Hammerback Road stated that he is concerned with the way the proposed hotel is being funded and felt there should be an attorney general's opinion as to whether or not it is legal. He also asked what would happen if the developer flips the project. Dale Hutchison has lived in Summerville for 50 years and wanted to know how much the rooms would cost and whether there would be a tiered rate. Peter Gorman of S. Magnolia S. stated there is strong opposition of the configuration of the hotel. He stated that people who were against the hotel were not given an opportunity to speak at the recent Board of Architectural Review meeting. He also asked about the annual tax forgiveness and how the town knows if the hotel will be successful. Joyce Delk who lives in Irongate has lived in Summerville since 1954 and feels the proposed location is a poor choice for the convention center adding that a strategic advisory group study showed little enthusiasm for a convention center. Diane Frankenberger of 310 Central Avenue stated that she attended the Board of Architectural Review meeting and she wanted to clarify an earlier comment that alleged that people were not allowed to speak during the meeting adding that the meeting was well handled. Adrian Kwist stated that he is concerned about public safety and that the town needs to address the safety issues involved with the hotel. He added that he is opposed to the location of the hotel – not the hotel itself. Mary Becker of Tea Farm stated that she feels sure everyone has the best of intentions but the tax payers could lose money on this deal. Ron Turner who lives in Aaron Brown's district stated that he wants to encourage fellow conservatives to adhere to conservative beliefs. William Harberson of 403 W. 2nd S. Street stated that he is a liberal and is concerned about what the people want. He is concerned about people parking near his house adding that the proposed hotel is in the wrong location and that

the town is subjecting future taxpayers. Brian Peacher stated that he is pro-development but not this development at the proposed location. He stated there are a number of questions and that there should be more public hearings on the development. Faith Croft stated that her house has three bedrooms directly across from the proposed condos and people will be able to look into her bedrooms. She is also concerned about parking at St. Luke's Church. Heyward Hutson stated that \$600,000 a year would build a lot of sidewalks. He stated that the town has many needs and that the hotel is a bad deal for the town and a good deal for the developer. He also added that the Dorchester, LLC is not a corporation of the State of South Carolina. There being no further public comments, the Mayor declared that portion of the meeting closed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mr. Jackson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Garten-Schmidt, to approve the October 6, 2014 Finance Committee Report, the October 1, 2014 Planning and Development Committee Report and the October 1, 2014 Public Works Committee Report. The motion carried unanimously.

PETITIONS

Ms. Wallace reported that no petitions for annexations were submitted.

PENDING BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Brown made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to have second and final reading of an ordinance to annex Briarwood Lane Right-of-Way owned by Dorchester County. The motion carried unanimously.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Jackson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bailey to introduce and have first reading of an ordinance to adopt the Town of Summerville 2015 budget. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jackson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brown, to introduce and have first reading of an ordinance authorizing the sale of property located at 402 N. Main Street, TMS # 137-03-06-001, also known as the Summerville/Dorchester Chamber of Commerce and Visitor's center.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m. on motion of Mr. Jackson, seconded by Ms. Garten-Schmidt.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Wallace, Director of Administrative Services
Clerk and Treasurer

APPROVED:

William C. Collins, Mayor